

that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please **amend** the subject application as follows:

IN THE FIGURES

Please **replace** Figures 2 and 3 with the enclosed figures. Changes to the figures shown in red and no new matter has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS

**Amend** the following claims to read:

2. (Twice Amended) A stiff, metallic hub for an energy storage device, having a flywheel assembly, wherein the hub produces a critical velocity that exceeds the design operating speed of the flywheel assembly, the stiff, metallic hub comprising:  
a central core in tight interference fit with a rotary shaft of the flywheel assembly;  
an outer rim section in tight interference fit with a high-strength, low-density composite fiber rim of the flywheel assembly; and  
a web section,  
wherein the web section is integrally formed to the central core and the outer rim section.
4. (Amended) A stiff, metallic hub as recited in claim 2, wherein the web section is circumferentially continuous.